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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

CHAU NGUYEN et al.

Application No.: 09/190,961 -

Filed: November 12, 1998 ✓

For: LIQUID PHOSPHOROUS  
PRECURSOR DELIVERY  
APPARATUS

Examiner: Richard Bueker -

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 17, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 46; Note that claims 1-30 remain unchanged, but are reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience and reference.

- 1 1. (Previously Amended) An apparatus for use with a liquid phosphorous  
2 precursor compound comprising:  
3 a container adapted to hold the liquid phosphorous precursor compound;  
4 a conduit; and  
5 an orifice disposed between the liquid container and the conduit, wherein at  
6 least one of the liquid container, the orifice, and the conduit has a surface of a stainless steel  
7 alloy having less than 5% nickel.